

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-25, as amended, are pending for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1-6, 8-9, 22-23 and 25 have been amended to substitute the more accurate term surface for "facet" in each claim where the term appears. The term surface is supported by the various shapes of the external parts of the jewelry article of the invention (*See, e.g.*, Specification at page 4, line 22 ("external face"); page 4, line 26 ("frusto-conically shaped facets"); page 5, lines 30-31 ("protective outer wear surface"); page 7, lines 4-6 ("axial extremes of the cross-section are generally semicircular," "cylindrical flats," and "angled or frusto-conical shaped facets or flats"); page 11, lines 5-7 ("concentric circular ring shapes of various sizes and profiles" and "circular designs"); page 11, line 18 ("the outer wear surfaces"); page 12, lines 11-13 ("the term facet is intended to include both cylindrical and frusto conical surfaces as well as planar or flat surfaces")). No new matter is believed to have been added by these amendments, such that the claims are in condition for entry at this time.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner not agree with this position, a telephone or personal interview is requested to resolve any remaining issues and expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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